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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Responsive to the action mailed September 30, 2005, Applicants elect the invention of the species of Fig. 6. Applicants' believe that claims 1-3 and 6-19 read on the elected species.

Applicants further believe that claim 1 is generic. Claim 1 recites, "the drive rocker and the bristle holder being connected in jointed manner about an axis of articulation that is parallel to the axis of rotation of the bristle holder." Applicants note in the specification that "the articulated connection with the transmission rocker allows rotary oscillation about the bristle holder's axis of rotation." *See, e.g.*, p. 2, lines 17-18. The connection between the drive rocker 12 and the bristle holder 8 along the axis of articulation permits articulated movement between the drive rocker 12 and the bristle holder 8, which can cause bristle holder 8 to rotate about the axis of rotation. *See, e.g.*, p. 11, line 17 through p. 12, line 23. This feature is present in both the species of Fig. 6 and the species of Fig. 7.

Therefore, Applicants request acknowledgement that claim 1 is generic.

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